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From the "Fürstlich Jablonowskischen Gesellschaft," of Leipzig, dated 4th July, 1855 :

From the Royal Academy of Sciences of Amsterdam, dated 5th June, 1855 :

From the Natural History Society of Prussian Rhineland and Westphalia, dated Bonn, 13th August, 1855 : and

From the Minister of Public Works, Direction of Mines, of France, dated Paris, 27th June, 1855 : severally transmitting donations to the Library, announced this evening.

Major Le Conte presented for publication in the Proceedings, the following papers :—"Observations on the North American Bats," and "Descriptive Catalogue of the Ranina," both of which were referred to Drs. Bridges, Leidy and Hallowell.

December 11th.

Vice President BRIDGES in the Chair.

A letter was read from Chas. Wilson Peale, dated Shamokin, Northumberland Co. Penn., Dec. 8th, 1855, stating that a Society has been recently formed at that place, entitled the Shamokin Lyceum, and desiring contributions of objects of Natural History for the same. Referred to the Curators.

December 18th.

Mr. ORD, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From Signor Jose Antonio G. y Garcia, dated Lima, 23d Oct. 1855, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Correspondent, and transmitting the donation to the Library announced this evening :

From the Librarian of the British Museum, dated 16th Nov. 1825, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of the Academy :

Mr. Cassin presented for publication in the Proceedings the following paper, "Notices of some new and little known birds in the collection of the U. S. Exploring Expedition in the Vincennes and Peacock, and in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia." Referred to Col. McCall, Dr. Wilson and Dr. Bridges.

Mr. Conrad presented the following for publication in the Proceedings :—"Note on the Miocene and Post-Pliocene deposits of California, with descriptions of two new fossil Corals," and "Description of a new species of *Pentamerus*;" both of which were referred to Dr. Wilson, Mr. Vaux and Dr. Le Conte.

Major Le Conte presented for publication in the Proceedings, a paper, entitled, "Description of a new species of *Hesperomys*." Referred to Mr. Cassin, Dr. Henderson and Dr. Hallowell.

Dr. Leidy presented for publication in the Proceedings, a paper entitled,

"Notices of some Tape-worms." Referred to Drs. Bridges, J. A. Meigs and Hallowell.

Dr. J. Aitken Meigs presented for publication, a revised edition of the *Catalogue of Human Crania* in the collection of the late Dr. Samuel George Morton :

Since the death of Dr. Morton, his magnificent collection of Human Crania, recently increased by the receipt of 40 skulls from various sources, has been permanently deposited in the Museum of the Academy. Prior to his decease, Dr. M. had received about 100 crania, in addition to those mentioned in the third edition of this catalogue. Since 1849, therefore, the collection has been augmented by the addition of 140 skulls.

To complete the catalogue in a uniform manner, these have been carefully numbered and measured in accordance with the methods recorded in the *Crania Americana*, &c. In a portion of these measurements, I was kindly assisted by our fellow-member, Dr. Thomas J. Turner, of the United States Navy.

The entire collection, numbering 1007 crania, was purchased by 42 gentlemen, from the executors of Dr. Morton, for the sum of \$4000, and by them generously presented to the Academy.*

The collection occupies 16 cases on the first gallery, on the south side of the lower room of the Museum. For convenience of study and examination, I have grouped it according to Race, Family, Tribe, &c., strictly adhering, however, to the classification of Dr. Morton. It will be seen, also, that the same arrangement has been adopted in this edition of the catalogue, so that it is an exact representation of the collection as it stands upon the shelves. While the old numbering has been carefully preserved for the sake of reference to the various published descriptions of Dr. Morton, new numbers have been added to designate the position of any skull in the natural division or sub-division to which it belongs.

The crania are distributed as follows :

I. CAUCASIAN GROUP.		4. Anglo-Saxons.		
1. <i>Scandinavian Race.</i>		English, ...	4	
Norwegian, ...	1	5. <i>Anglo-Americans,</i>		8
Swedish Peasants, ...	7	6. <i>Celtic Race.</i>		
Finland Swedes, ...	2	Irish, ...	8	
Sudermanland Swedes, ...	3	7. <i>Slavonic Race.</i>		
Ostrogoth, ...	1	Slavonians, ...	2	
Turannic Swede, ...	1	8. <i>Pelasgic Race.</i> †		
Cimbric Swedes, ...	3	Ancient Phœnician, ...	1	
Swedish Finns, ...	3	Ancient Roman, ...	1	
	—	Greek, ...	1	
	21	Circassians, ...	4	
2. <i>Finnish or Tchudic Race.</i>		Armenians, ...	6	
True Finns, ...	10	Parsees, ...	2	
3. <i>Suevic Race.</i>		Affghan, ...	1	
Germans, ...	11	Græco-Egyptians, ...	23	
Dutchman, ...	1		—	
Prussians, ...	4		39	
Burgundian, ...	1			
	—			
	17			

*See Proceedings of the Academy, vol. vi. pp. 321, 324.

† Dr. Morton used the term *Pelasgic* too comprehensively. The Circassians, Armenians and Persians should not be placed in this group.

9. *Semitic Race.*

Arabs, ...	5
Hebrews, ...	8
Abyssinian, ...	1
	14

10. *Berber Race.(?)*

Guanché, ...	1
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11. *Nilotic Race.*

Ancient Theban Egyptians, . .	34
“ Memphite “	17
“ Abydos “	2
“ Alexandrian “	3
Egyptians from Gizeh, ...	16
Kens or Ancient Nubians, . . .	4
Ombite Egyptians, ...	3
Maabdeh Egyptians, ...	4
Miscellaneous, ...	5
Fellahs, ...	19
	107

12. *Indostanic Race.*

Ayras,(?)	6
Thuggs, ...	2
Bengalese, ...	32
Uncertain, ...	3
	43

II. MONGOLIAN GROUP.

1. *Chinese Race.*

Chinese, ...	11
Japanese, ...	1
	12

2. *Hyperborean Race.*

Burat Mongol, ...	1
Kamschatkan, ...	1
Kalmuck, ...	1
Laplanders, ...	4
Hybrid Laplander, ...	1
Eskimo, ...	4
	12

III. MALAY GROUP.

1. *Malayan Race.*

Malays, ...	23
Dyaks, ...	2
	25

2. *Polynesian Race.*

Kanakas	7
New Zealanders, ...	3
Marquesas, ...	1
	11

IV. AMERICAN GROUP.

1. *Barbarous Race.*a. *North Americans.*

Arickarees, ...	3
Assinaboins, ...	3
Chenouks, ...	7
Oregonians, ...	6
Cherokees, ...	6
Chetimaches, ...	2
Chippeways, ...	2
Cotonays, ...	3
Creeks, ...	4
Dacotas, ...	2
Hurons, ...	4
Iroquois, ...	3
Illinois, ...	2
Lenapes, ...	10
Mandans, ...	7
Menominees, ...	7
Miamis, ...	12
Minetaris, ...	4
Mohawks, ...	3
Narragansets, ...	10
Natchez, ...	2
Naticks, ...	5
Osages, ...	2
Otoes, ...	4
Ottawas, ...	4
Ottigamies, ...	4
Pawnees, ...	2
Penobscots, ...	2
Pottawatomes, ...	4
Sauks, ...	3
Seminoles, ...	16
Shawnees, ...	4
Shoshones, ...	4
Upsarookas, ...	2
Winnebagoes, ...	2
Yamassees, ...	3
Californians, ...	2
Miscellaneous, ...	45
	210

b. *Central Americans.*

Maya, ...	1
Fragments from Yucatan, . . .	2
	3

<i>c. South American.</i>		V. NEGRO GROUP.	
Araucanians, ...	10	1. American born, ...	16
From Mounds, ...	2	2. Native Africans, ...	86
Charibs, ...	3	3. <i>Uovas</i> , ...	2
Patagonians, ...	2	4. <i>Alferian Race</i> .	
Brazilians, ...	7	Australians, ...	11
	21	Oceanic Negroes, ...	2
2. <i>Toltecian Race</i> .			117
<i>a. Peruvian Family.</i>		VI. MIXED RACES.	
Aricans, ...	20	Copts, ...	5
Pachacamac, ...	104	Negroid Egyptian, ...	12
Pisco, ...	62	Nubians, ...	3
Santa, ...	8	Hispano-Peruvian, ...	2
Lima, ...	7	Negroid-Indian, ...	3
Callao, ...	3	Hispano-Indian, ...	1
Miscellaneous, ...	9	Malayo-Chinese, ...	1
Elongated skulls from Titicaca,		Mulattoes, ...	2
&c., ...	8		29
	221	VII. LUNATICS AND IDIOTS, 18	
<i>b. Mexican Family.</i>		VIII. ILLUSTRATIVE OF GROWTH, 7	
Ancient Mexicans, ...	24	<i>Phrenological Skulls</i> , ...	2
Modern Mexicans, ...	9	<i>Nation uncertain</i> , ...	7
Lipans, ...	2		
	35	Total, ...	1007

Extensive and unique as is this collection, it is, nevertheless, still too limited to justify any positive and comprehensive conclusions concerning the great fundamental problems of Ethnology. That it will be capable, when sufficiently extended, of throwing much light upon these obscure and unsettled questions, is amply attested by the scientific publications of Dr. Morton. It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that this magnificent nucleus, the result of much pecuniary sacrifice and many years of enthusiastic labor on the part of its late illustrious owner and founder, will not be neglected; but that its efficiency will be increased, and the objects for which it was gathered together attained by contributions from all who may be interested in the advancement of this youngest, most intricate and most important of the sciences.

The Norwegians and Danes of the Scandinavian race; the Bas-Bretons; the Celtic Scotch, Welsh, French, Spanish and Portuguese; the Ancient and Modern Greeks; the Magyar people; the Great Tartar and Scythic hordes; the entire Basque Family, and many other races, are without a single representative in the collection. Of the Polar and Tchudic Families it contains but 4, and 2 skulls respectively; while the ancient Romans and their descendants, the modern Transteverini beyond the Tiber; the great Slavic race and the Berber tribes are each represented by but one skull.

These deficiencies—and many others could be particularized—are recorded in the hope that the attention of the scientific community being directed to them, they will sooner or later, be supplied.

On motion of Mr. Lea, it was ordered that a set of the Proceedings, as far as published, be presented to Prince Charles Bonaparte.

On motion of Mr. Hanson, it was *resolved* that an invitation be extended to the Educational Convention about to meet in this city, to visit the Museum of the Academy.